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I have the honour to refer to my letters of 6 February 1994 (S/1994/131) and 11 February 1994 (S/1994/159) pertaining to the recent developments in Sarajevo following the shelling of a market-place on 5 February 1994.

Following the initial investigation of the incident a team was established by my Special Representative for the former Yugoslavia to conduct a comprehensive follow-up investigation. The team was led by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) Force Engineer, Colonel Michel Gauthier of Canada, and included officers from France, Pakistan, Russia and Spain. The team also maintained close contact with Liaison Officers from the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Bosnian Serbs.

The team has now submitted its report to my Special Representative. With regard to the question of the origin of the 120 mm mortar shell, the report's findings are as follows:

> "The distance of origin of fire clearly overlaps each side of the confrontation line by 2,000 metres. Both parties are known to have 120 mm mortars and bombs to go along with them. The Team has no reason to believe that either party does not have access to the type of ammunition reported in paragraph 12 of the report. There is insufficient physical evidence to prove that one party or the other fired the mortar bomb. The mortar bomb in question could, therefore, have been fired by either side."

I would appreciate it if you could bring this information to the attention of the members of the Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI